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About 90 percent of rural workers are members of some form of cooperative. In March 1948 there were 7,841 farm workers' cooperatives in Yugoslavia, with 343 srez unions of farm workers' cooperatives with a membership of about 2,200,000.

During the first 3 months of 1948, the number of farm workers' cooperatives increased over 13 percent; the number of families belonging to 14.6 percent; the amount of land to 19 percent; number of tractors to 39 percent; amount of harvest machinery to 70 percent. Farm workers' cooperatives in the Vojvodina alone held 161,267 hectares of arable land, or 10.2 percent of the total arable land in the Vojvodina. This year they signed contracts for 13 thousand tons of grain, worth about 70 million dinars.

AGRICULTURAL SITUATION -- Borba, No 306, 20 Dec 48

The spring sowing plan on state farms has been fulfilled 100.4 percent. The farm machinery stations met their plan for the spring sowing 110 percent and their harvest plan 111 percent; however, the plan for turning under the stubble was realized only 46 percent, and the plan for cultivation of crops also failed.

A marked fluctuation in manpower may be ascribed to poor housing and food supplies for workers, and to the failure of seasonal workers to receive ration cards, as they should.

Seventy courses, attended by 1,970 workers, were given in 1948 to furnish technical training for farm workers.

COOPERATIVE FARMS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 281, 20 Nov 48

On 15 August the first farm workers' cooperative of Turks in Macedonia, "Novi Zivot" (New Life) was formed in the small village of Cuma, Ilija, with 22 households. Later six more joined. The members will farm over 300 hectares, and the local People's Council has given them 50 hectares of pasture in addition to the land contributed by the members.

Previously the villagers had raised a little of everything: wheat, rye, corn, barley, and very little cotton. However, experience has shown that this was not wise, for cotton, of all plants, is best able to withstand drought and yields a good crop. In the summer of 1948, many of the villagers harvested 450 to 550 kilograms of cotton per hectare. Their new plan calls for a spring planting of cotton covering one third of their acreage, and wheat, barley, poppies, and sesame the remaining two thirds.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 307, 21 Dec 48

According to a speech by Lazar Kolisevski, there are now 774 agricultural cooperatives in Macedonia. In 1947 such cooperatives did over 1.5 billion dars' worth of business. They now have 38 stations for farm implements, 112 stations for the seed service, 331 industrial workshops, 186 collective farms, and 760 stations of other types.

In 1948, 144 new farm workers' cooperatives were formed in Macedonia, bringing the total to 231. Such cooperatives held 659 hectares in 1945, 3,725 hectares in 1946, and 40,753 hectares with a hundred thousand sheep in 1947.

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The plan for crop purchase of grain in Macedonia was fulfilled 101.7 percent in 1947 and 104 percent in 1948. The plan for crop purchase of wool was met 112 percent in 1947 and 105 percent in 1948; and the plan for crop purchase of tobacco, 105 percent in 1947.

MORE COTTON PRODUCED IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 306, 20 Dec 48

By the beginning of December the plan for contracts for cotton planting in Macedonia was completely fulfilled.

During the spring of 1949, about 50 percent more cotton will be planted in Macedonia than the Five-Year Plan prescribed for planting in 1951. Twenty five percent more acreage will be planted in cotton in 1949 than the entire area occupied by industrial crops in Macedonia before the war.

Two thousand plows have been purchased and distributed to agricultural cooperatives and farmers to carry out the program of deep plowing of all land intended for growing cotton. Over 35 percent of such property had been so plowed by 5 December.

MACEDONIAN COOPERATIVE FARM GROWS -- Politika, No 13087, 21 Nov 1948

The farm workers' cooperative "Udarnik" in the village of Gornje Lisicje not far from Skoplje was founded in 1945 by six persons. Today the cooperative includes 26 families and forms an entire village.

RECLAMATION PROJECTS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 307, 21 Dec 48

One fifth of all reclamation projects in Yugoslavia provided for under the Five-Year Plan are to be located in Macedonia. About 155 million dinars, or about 19 percent of the sum authorized under the Five-Year Plan, has been spent on reclamation in Macedonia so far.

RECLAMATION CANAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN DALMATIA -- Borba, No 307, 21 Dec 48

A reclamation project to make the 6,000-hectare Sinj Polje, of which only 1,300 hectares are now arable, into one of the most fertile areas of Dalmatia, was started in 1948. The reclaimed land will become a model state farm.

Preliminary work was begun during the first 3 months of 1948, and at the beginning of summer, work was started on the main drainage canal, 10 kilometers long, which will empty into the Cetina river. The canal varies in width from 9.5-13 meters, and in depth from 1.4-3.5 meters.

INDUSTRIAL CROPS PLANTED IN MACEDONIA AND SERBIA -- Politika, No 13097, 3 Dec 48

In Macedonia, where the campaign for contracts for spring planting of cotton is coming to an end, the plan has been realized 95 percent.

In the Sumadija district (in Serbia), the campaign for contracts for industrial crops has reached a standstill. Though the deadline was 15 November, no one succeeded in completing its plan on schedule.

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